



Senate Budget Committee REPUBLICAN STAFF APPROPRIATIONS UPDATE



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S. 1583, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS BILL for FISCAL YEAR 2004

Summary:

The bill provides \$545 million in discretionary budget authority for the District of Columbia and related agencies. The bill includes no mandatory spending.

| DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DISCRETIONARY APPROPRIATIONS | | | | |
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| | 2003 SPENDING | President's Request | 302B | S. 1583 |
| BA | \$509 million | \$421 million | \$545 million | \$545 million |
| OUTLAYS | \$597 million | \$423 million | \$547 million | \$539 million |

Analysis:

S. 1583 is a 7-percent increase in discretionary budget authority over the FY 2003 appropriations bill. The bill is consistent with the Fiscal Year 2004 Budget Resolution but 29.4 percent higher than the President's budget request. There are no budget points of order against the bill.

Noteworthy:

The bill includes \$40 million in *Federal Payment for School Improvement in the District of Columbia*. The funds are divided into three components, each receiving \$13 million: public schools, charter schools and scholarships for low income children in under-performing schools. The remaining \$1 million is for administrative expenses.

Highlights:

- \$172.1 million for *District of Columbia Courts*. This is \$8.3 million more (5.1 percent higher) than the President's request and \$11.2 million more (7 percent higher) than the 2003 enacted level;
- \$32 million for *Defender Services in the DC Courts*. This level is at the President's request and \$1.4 million less (4.2 percent lower) than the 2003 enacted level. These funds support attorney programs for indigent defendants, child abuse and guardianship cases administered by the DC

Courts;

- \$173.4 million for *Offender Supervision*. This is an increase of \$6.9 million more (4.1 percent higher) than the President's request and an increase of \$19.7 million (12.8 percent higher) over the 2003 enacted level. As a result of the District of Columbia Revitalization Act of 1997, the federal government assumed the functions of the District's pretrial services, adult probation, parole, and adult offender supervision functions;
- \$17 million for *Residential Tuition Support*. This is at the President's requested level and \$0.1 million above (0.6 percent higher) the 2003 enacted level. The District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999 established the Tuition Assistance Program, a scholarship fund under the direction of the Mayor. Scholarships pay the difference between in-State and out-of-State tuition at public universities.